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Message:

Enclosed please find the Amendment and Response to Non-Final Office Action dated February 9, 2005.

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In re Application of: **Xie, et al.**

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**For: Slurry-Less Polishing for Removal of
Excess Interconnect Material During
Fabrication of a Silicon Integrated
Circuit**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 9, 2005
in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the
following amendments and remarks.